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[Translation.]

Article I. All ports of this Department will be closed to any ship which arrives having on board a case of bubonic plague, or which has touched at other ports where that disease exists.

Article II. Sanitary officers of the ports of this Department and the chiefs of customs, respectively, will be most scrupulous in the inspection of all incoming vessels, and will dictate the necessary measures for the faithful carrying out of Article I.

Respectfully, yours, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital-Service.

Death on board the steamship Habil from cerebral hemorrhage.

BOCAL DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 14, 1899.*

SIR: Replying to communication of September 20 (R. M. W.), I have the honor to report as follows on the death of Bernhard Bunger, fireman, when two days out from Galveston to Havana.

I inclose a translation of the entry on the ship's log—the original being in Norwegian—signed by the master. From what I gathered from the officers on the ship the cramps alluded to were convulsions. Bunger was a new man shipped at the last moment in Galveston, and when he came aboard he showed evidences of hard drinking. He was a robust man and worked hard up to the moment he came on deck. He never regained consciousness, and died comatose. The master tells me that the temperature on that voyage was most excessive. In my opinion Bunger died from cerebral hemorrhage.

Respectfully, yours, HERMAN B. MOHR,
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[Inclosure.]

Translation of entry in log book of steamship Habil, Gudmundsen, master.

August 28, 1899, at 4 a. m., on the voyage from Galveston to Havana, Bernhard Bunger, fireman, came up from the stoke hole and fell on deck in an unconscious condition; at the same time he seemed to be suffering from cramps. It was thought that he was suffering from heat exhaustion and he was treated accordingly. He suffered until 7 o'clock a. m., when he died. At 6.30 p. m. he was buried at sea.

THS. GUDMUNDSEN,
Master, Steamship Habil.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *October 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report for the week ended Thursday, October 12, 1899:

The following have been the clearances for ports in the United States: October 8, steamship *Holstein*, Jardin, master; crew, 21; cleared for New Orleans, no passengers; steamship *Banes*, Tronstad, master; crew, 16; wife and child of captain, cleared for New Orleans, no passengers. October 9, steamship *Alleghany*, Lowe, master; crew, 39; cleared for New York, N. Y., number of passengers, 5. October 12;